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AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the July 6, 2006 Final Office Action that issued in the above-identified patent application, and in accordance with the revised amendment practice outlined in revised 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend the application as outlined below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.